

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office is requiring restriction in the above-identified case as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-23 and 28-32, drawn to a coated substrate; and

Group II: Claims 24-27, drawn to a method of making.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-23 and 28-32.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not applied the same standard of unity of invention as the International Preliminary Examination Authority. The Authority did not take the position that unity of invention was lacking in the International application and examined all claims together. Applicants note that PCT Article 27(1) states:

No national law shall require compliance with requirements relating to the form or contents of the international application different from or additional to those which are provided for in this Treaty and the Regulations.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

Finally, Applicants note that MPEP §821.04 states, "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." Applicants respectfully submit that should the elected group be found allowable, the non-elected claims should be rejoined.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for examination

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on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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